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Memorandum

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TO : SAC (157-166)

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FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

SUBJECT: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)

On 8/15/68 ME 338-R (Ghetto) orally advised
SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE as follows:

With regard to current 8/14-18/68 SCLC convention,
[REDACTED], aka Barracuda, 270 pounds, 6'2",
Negro, is Chief Security Guard. He is from Chicago,
allegedly has connections with the Blackstone Rangers.
He is prominently tied up with SCLC staffer, Rev. Jesse
JACKSON of Chicago, who is head of SCLC's Operation
Bread Basket, economic boycott program. JACKSON, he said,
is a protege of Rev. CLAY EVANS of Chicago, a former
country minister who went to Chicago and "made it big."

SCLC had an art and culture festival at Club
Paradise on the night of 8/14/68.

BILL WHITEHEAD, Negro artist, former associate
of COBY V. SMITH, had an exhibit. He had his displays with
(FNU) LANE, a Negro artist who has a studio at 707 North
Second Street. LANE is also a sculptor. One (FNU) DOWDY,
art teacher at Carver, also had a display. He has an art
shop in Orange Mound.

Recent alleged Invader NEWBERN ROOKS of Park
Avenue area of Orange Mound has been hanging in close to
SCLC crowd at the convention. It will be recalled he was
with SCLC at Resurrection City, Washington, D. C., in June
1968.

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1-157- - NEWBERN ROOKS
1-157-1403 - REUBEN WATTS
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1-66-1687-Sub - Dissemination
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Another Invader associate, REUBEN WATTS, is operating a restaurant at 4th and Calhoun.

HERMAN O'NEAL, long time Lester High football coach, is leaving Lester to go to work full time for SCLC.

SCLC has a Youth Choir primarily made up of Memphis youngsters, which it plans to take to Democratic Party convention in Chicago later in August 1968.

On 8/15/68 pertinent of above information was furnished to Lt. E. H. ARKIN, Intelligence Unit, Memphis PD.